



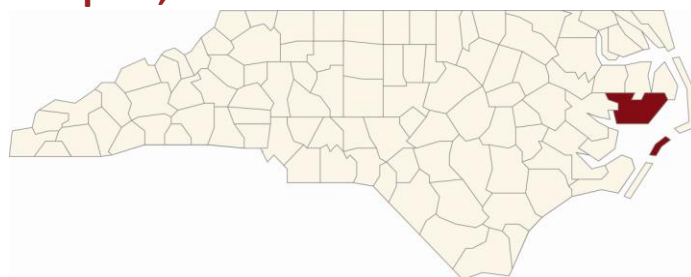
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Hyde County

Hyde County received more than \$12 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Hyde County total.



**EPA Grants:**  
**1**



**Small Business Jobs:**  
**290**

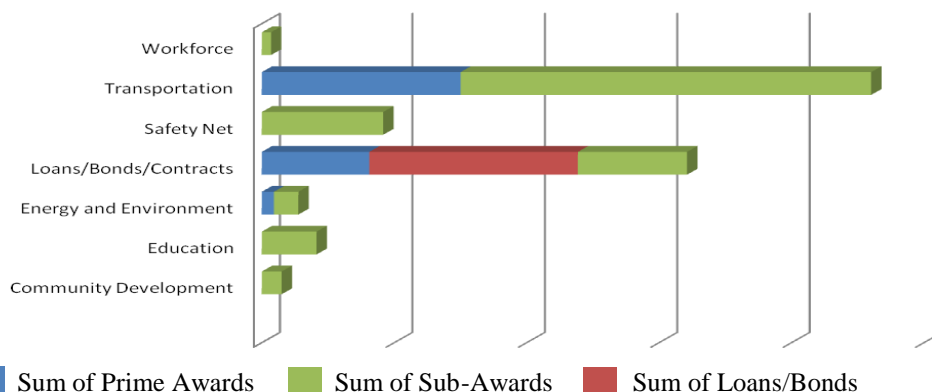


**Appliances rebated:**  
**4**



**Family homes financed:**  
**2**

### Hyde County Totals



**Hyde County,**  
pop 5,209 at a glance:

#### Recovery Act Totals:

Grants: \$9,331,657

Loans: \$147,920

Bonds: \$3,002,692

**Total: \$12,482,269**



## Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

**Hyde County schools** received \$3.9 million in education funding, including \$139,588 in Special Education funds, \$205,274 in Title I funds, \$512,440 in SFSF funds, \$110,730 in Race to the Top funding and a \$3 million bond allocation.



## Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

**In Hyde County**, 2 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$147,000.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

**Hyde County** retailers sold 4 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



## Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

**In Hyde County,** \$31,950 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



## Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

**In Hyde County,** the Hyde County Government received a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service for \$180,000 for watershed protection.



## Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

**In Hyde County,** the Hyde County Government County received an EECBG grant of \$187,056 to retrofit lighting in 11 buildings, upgrade heating and air conditioning, install solar water heating and make other energy and water saving improvements.



## Military Programs

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included approximately \$7.4 billion in defense-related appropriations. This includes funding for all service areas and the Army Corps of Engineers. Recovery Act funding addressed some of the unique economic pressures faced by American service members because of their voluntary commitment to serve our nation. The Recovery Act included assistance to service members, upgrades aimed to improve the quality of life for troops and their families, funded three new facilities, and two new VA hospitals in North Carolina, addressing critical needs across the state. In addition to providing much needed facility improvements, this bill also provides more funding for our energy research programs, so that Department of Defense (DOD) can continue to lead the way in the national effort to achieve greater energy independence. North Carolina had 103 military projects funded for a total of \$166 million.

**In Hyde County**, \$746,616 was awarded by the Army Corps of Engineers for various coastal restoration projects



## Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

**Hyde County** residents received more than \$760,291 in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$820,313 in SNAP benefit increases, and \$252,750 in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

## Hyde County Feature Story

### Hyde County receives High-Speed Internet.

One of the goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was to promote the construction of important infrastructure and technological foundation for a 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. This meant increased spending for research, alternative energy, education, and the implementation and expansion of broadband services.

Titles I and II of part A of the Act established the two major broadband implementation and expansion programs: the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). More than \$7 billion was available between the two programs for various projects.

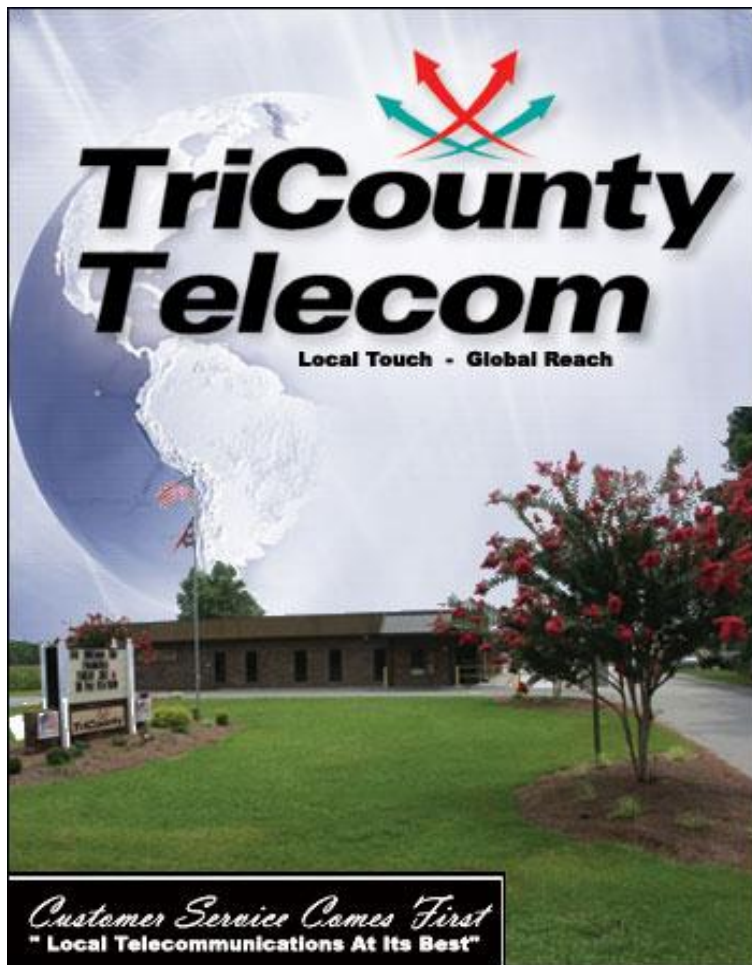
North Carolina has received notice of more than \$280 million in BIP and BTOP projects. 81 North Carolina counties will receive funding or be traversed by a BIP or BTOP program. These programs include projects that support primary and higher education, public safety, economic development, serve vulnerable populations and to provide direct broadband services to consumers.

The BIP was an existing program implemented by the Rural Utility Service in the federal Department of Agriculture. BIP focused on providing money to existing rural providers to expand and improve broadband services. One of the nine BIP recipients in North Carolina was the Tri-County Telephone Membership Co-op.

This approximately \$14.1 million award, matched by more than \$2 million in private contributions, will allow Tri-County Telephone to offer broadband service using advanced technology in northeast Beaufort County and parts of Hyde and Washington Counties. This project will deploy an advanced fiber optic network with inherent capability to deliver broadband service speeds of 80 Mbps. The program will serve as a last-mile, fiber to the home program, delivering high-quality, high-speed internet to service areas.

Approximately 10,780 people stand to benefit, as do roughly 889 businesses and 32 community institutions. In addition to the more than 27 jobs the company estimates this project will create upfront, it will provide a foundation for economic growth and job creation for decades.

As of the Second Quarter of 2011 reporting period, Tri-County Telcom has completed all agreements, and drawn down funds for equipment and engineering needs. Construction on the program should begin soon.



## Appendix, Hyde County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role <sup>i</sup>	Prime Amount <sup>ii</sup>	Unique Sub Awards <sup>iii</sup>	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) <sup>iv</sup>
	Bonds		P			\$3,002,692.00	
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$147,920.00	
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$820,313.24		
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Hyde, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$187,056.00	\$0.00	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Community Development Block Grants - State HI	Hyde, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$760,291.03		
DOI							
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$2,390,811.00		\$0.00	\$2,390,811.00
				\$611,594.00		\$0.00	\$611,594.00
		Rpc Contracting, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$2,078,122.83
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$557,141.10
Federal Transit Administration	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Hyde County Non-Profit Private Transportation Corporation	S	\$0.00	\$564,000.00	\$0.00	
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00	\$475.00
Natural Resources Conservation Service	Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention	Hyde, County Of	P	\$183,000.00		\$0.00	\$183,000.00
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Hyde County Public School System	S	\$0.00	\$512,440.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top	Hyde County Public School System	S	\$0.00	\$110,730.00	\$0.00	

	Incentive Grants, Recovery Act						
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Hyde County Public School System	S	\$0.00	\$205,274.00	\$0.00	
<b>Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services</b>	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Hyde County Public School System	S	\$0.00	\$139,588.00	\$0.00	
<b>SSA</b>	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$252,750.00		
<b>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - civil program financing only</b>	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Howard, Paul Construction Company, Inc.	P	\$714,615.90		\$0.00	\$714,615.90
<b>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</b>	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc.	P	\$97,796.00		\$0.00	\$49,977.00
		Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	P	\$811,750.00		\$0.00	\$215,249.31
		Hatchell Concrete, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$5,280.00	\$0.00	
		PSA-Dewberry Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	
		Steelmaster Buildings, LLC	S	\$0.00	\$53,211.00	\$0.00	
		Swanson Enterprises, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$5,658.00	\$0.00	
		Trader Construction Co.	S	\$0.00	\$596,500.69	\$0.00	
<b>USACE</b>							
<b>Grand Total</b>				\$4,809,566.90	\$4,522,091.95	\$3,150,612.00	\$6,800,986.14

<sup>i</sup> Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

<sup>ii</sup> Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to [www.federalreporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov)

<sup>iii</sup> Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

<sup>iv</sup> Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.